

The special Can of both Committee & Council
was to secure a broad catholic basis for
the Society.

Pains were taken to frame objects within
which educationalists of whatever school
might work freely, to avoid all such
definiteness & minuteness as would be
a limitation in the future in so progressing
a Science as Education.

It will be seen that both the letter &
Spirit of the original objects are violated
in this leaflet.

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of
the P. N. S. U. was held on Wednesday June
27th ¹⁸⁹⁴ at the office.

"To reconsider the leaflet" was one of the
notices on the Agenda paper.

This leaflet appeared as an advertisement
in the Parents Review & elsewhere.

On comparing the "Objects" as set forth in
the leaflet with the original objects of
the Society, great differences appear.
The "Objects" of the Society which have been
in force for six years were Constitutionally
framed by an able Committee afterwards
ratified, with some modification, at a
meeting of the Central Council held at the
College of Preceptors under the presidency
of the Rev. Canon Daniel.

Amongst the educationalists present on
this occasion were Miss Clough, Miss
Shirreff & J. Quick.

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It seems desirable that all the members of the Society should know something of the question at issue, the more so as this is an opportunity to make it plainly understood that the apparent indefiniteness of the original 'Object' is intentional & has a two-fold purpose: —

- (a) To allow the utmost freedom & self-developing power to each Branch &
- (b) To leave the Society open to the steady advances of Education as a Science.

As the issue of the meeting on June 27th is rather a moot point to be again opened up at another meeting of the Executive Committee on July 18th, the members of the Central Council & the Branches will be informed further after that date.

(Signed) C. H. Mason
Hon. Org. Sec.

Resolution (proposed by Miss Mason & seconded by Miss Webb).

"Resolved that all advertisements relating to the Educational Union which purport to set out its objects shall set out those objects as contained in rule 3 of the Society without alteration".

~~Before votes were taken upon this resolution~~
 At this point the question was raised, whether the Committee had any power to alter the wording of the objects?

In answer to this the Chairman read the following legal opinion:—

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Parents' National Educational Union.

CENTRAL PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

1. The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches joining the Society shall pledge themselves, shall be :—

- (1) That a religious basis of work be maintained.
- (2) That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads:—Physical, Mental, Moral and Religious.
- (3) That arrangements concerning Lectures, &c., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as mothers.
- (4) That the work of the Union be arranged so as to help parents of all classes.

2. That the Objects of the Society shall be :—

- (1) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character.
- (2) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and, with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject.
- (3) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be made profitable for all.
- (4) To stimulate their enthusiasm through the sympathy of numbers acting together.
- (5) To secure greater unity and continuity of education by harmonising home and school training.

THE CONSTITUTION.

1. The Society shall be called the PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION.

2. The organization of the Society shall comprise—

1. A Central Council;
2. An Executive Committee;
3. Local Branches.

3. The Society shall be under the control of the Central Council, hereinafter called "the Council," which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members.

4. One-third of the co-opted members of the Council shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election. The representative members shall be selected each year by the Local Branches.

5. The Council shall elect yearly a President and from among its members an Hon. Treasurer.

6. The Council may elect Vice-Presidents, who shall retire each year but be eligible for re-election.

7. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council and shall be responsible for the management of the Society. All members of the Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Council.

8. The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than 24 Members, who shall retire annually, but be eligible for re-election. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary seven clear days before the date of such election, which shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

9. Local Branches of the Society may be formed in any district, and shall be free to organise themselves and make their own by-laws provided always that such by-laws be not contrary to the principles or rules of the Society.

10. The Secretaries of Local Branches shall prepare and send to the Secretary of the Society, before the 10th of each month a report of the work done during the previous month for the purpose of publication in the *Parents' Review*. They shall also send to the Secretary an adequate supply of any prospectuses or other papers printed by their Branches, as soon as such prospectuses or papers are issued, so that copies may be sent to each of the other Local Secretaries.

11. Meetings of the Secretaries of the London Local Branches shall be called once in every three months, or oftener, if deemed necessary. Each year the Secretaries of all Local Branches shall be invited to attend one of these meetings.